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Agenda

1. Overview/Priorities
2. Implementing Mechanisms
3. Resources
4. Lessons Learned
5. Best Practices
6. Questions?





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Mission

DEPARTMENT OF STATE: Advance freedom for the benefit of the American people and the international community by helping to build and sustain a more democratic, secure, and prosperous world composed of well-governed states that respond to the needs of their people, reduce widespread poverty, and act responsibly within the international system.

BUREAU OF POLITICAL-MILITARY AFFAIRS (PM): To integrate diplomacy and defense, and forge strong international partnerships to meet shared security challenges.

OFFICE OF WEAPONS REMOVAL AND ABATEMENT (PM/WRA): To develop policy options, implement destruction and mitigation programs, and engage civil society in order to reduce the harmful world wide effects generated by indiscriminately used, illicit, and abandoned conventional weapons of war.





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Strategic Goals

(Per CWD Strategic Plan 2009-2013)

- 1. Restore access to land and infrastructure.**
- 2. Protect victims of conflict.**
- 3. Develop host nation capacity.**
4. Protect innocent civilians from the effects of illicitly procured weapons and ammunition.
5. Promote conflict resolution and peace-building efforts.
6. Demonstrate support for friends, allies, and partners.
7. Expand the funding base for Conventional Weapons Destruction.
8. Facilitate Small Arms/Light Weapons and MANPADS Destruction efforts.
9. Improve conventional arms and munitions Physical Security and Stockpile Management practices.
10. Prevent excess, loosely secured, or otherwise at-risk weapons and munitions from falling into the hands of terrorists, insurgents, criminals, and non-state actors.



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WRA PROGRAM & FUNDING PRIORITIES

- Support Priority Countries: Afghanistan, Angola, Iraq, South East Asia, & Bosnia
- Develop Host Nation Capacity Building
- Enhance global mine action response mechanisms



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Public-Private Partnerships

*"The problems we face today **will not be solved by governments alone**. It will be in partnerships – partnerships with philanthropy, with global business, partnerships with civil society."*

Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, April 2009

- PM/WRA manages a Public-Private Partnership Program with close to 60 partners, including **NGOs, philanthropic foundations, educational institutions and corporations.**
- PM/WRA generates the majority of the PM Bureau's media products (press releases, fact sheets, newsletters, annual report, etc.)
- PM/WRA maintains a continuous public diplomacy effort.





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Implementing Mechanisms

Grants

- At any given time PM/WRA is managing over 200 active federal grants.
- Approximately 60% of PM/WRA's humanitarian assistance executed via Grants to NGO's.
- Grants awarded on a solicited, unsolicited, or a sole-source basis.
- Unique and innovative grants will be awarded in FY 11 via Grants.gov (up to \$3M)
- PM/WRA has awarded over \$770 million in grants since 2003. (FY 10 = \$130M)





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Grant Performance Metrics

- **S**pecific
 - **M**easurable
 - **A**chievable
 - **R**esults-oriented
 - **T**ime-based (use judiciously)
- (Sample Metrics : sq meters cleared, IDPs returned, landmines removed, etc...)



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Implementing Mechanisms

Grants Process

- Submit Proposal:
 - SF 424
 - Table of Contents
 - Executive Summary
 - Proposal Narrative
 - Budget Narrative
 - Budget (Details by line-item)
 - Other Attachments
 - NICRA
- Submit Quarterly Reports/PMS drawdowns
- Monitoring and Evaluation Ongoing
- Grant Close-out





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Implementing Mechanisms

Contracts

PM/WRA manages 3 large, performance-based, multi-award contracts for supplies and services that:

- Provide technical assistance and expertise;
- Build a country's national capacity;
- Assist countries with equipment procurement.

These contracts have totaled about \$150 million since 2005.

Current contract action is procurement sensitive; monitor FedBizzOpps website for RFP: <https://www.fbo.gov/>





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FY 10 Resource Recap

- PM/WRA Programs supported 43 countries
- \$161.5M obligated CWD programs
- 128 Grants awarded
- 14 active task orders (TO) against WRA services contract
- Afghanistan program: \$45.8M (19 grants & 1 TO)
- Iraq program: \$25M (15 grants & 1 TO)



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Lessons Learned

- No Cost Extensions (NCE): Special Exceptions and NOT automatic
 - Pre-award risk assessments
 - Consider multi-year grants
 - If NCE is necessary > submit email/letter of justification to Program Manager/Grants Officer for approval
- Grant Proposals
 - Don't forget Budget Narratives
- Read and Understand the Terms & Conditions
 - (OMB 110, 122, & 133)
- Comply with Logo Requirements (safety exceptions apply)
- Timely reporting = timely payments (PMS approvals)
- Timely Closeout
- Maintain Property Records
- Communicate Significant Events

• http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/circulars_default





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Best Practices

- Budget Revision Formats (>/= 10% change)
 - Request from grantee amended action (email/letter justification for amendment)
 - Approval required from Grants Officer
 - New proposed budget (424s)
 - New budget narrative w/explanation of changes
- Basic Training on grants management
 - Introduction to Grants and Cooperative Agreements
 - Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants
 - Cost Principles
- Reporting
 - Using formats/templates provided
 - Identification of grant # and quarter (i.e. Q1, Q2, Q3,etc.) on *all* reports
- Accurate Inventory Records (audit trail)





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How to Initiate a CWD Project

Request by Country

- Via Embassy
- List weapons by type and number
- List ammo by type and weight

Assess and Report

- Team assesses site and stocks
- Provides program options

Project Negotiation

- Project details negotiated
- U.S. State Department funds program

Program Begins

- Agreement
- Oversight
- Reporting
- Billing
- Future program considerations





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Questions?

For more information, please visit www.state.gov/t/pm/wra

The screenshot shows the official website of the Office of Weapons Removal and Abatement (WRA) within the U.S. Department of State. The header features the Department of State logo and navigation links for Blog, Video, Photos, News, Share, Mobile, and Contact Us. Below the header is a red navigation bar with links to Secretary Clinton, Media Center, Travel, Careers, Business, and Youth & Education. A secondary navigation bar lists various policy areas: About State, Policy Issues, Countries & Regions, Economics & Energy, Arms Control & Security, Democracy & Global Affairs, Public Diplomacy & Public Affairs, and Assistance & Development. The main content area is titled "Office of Weapons Removal and Abatement (WRA)" and includes a list of links on the left: U.S. Landmine Policy, U.S. Humanitarian Mine Action Program, Conventional Weapons Destruction (including MAHPADS & Small Arms/Light Weapons), Special Report: Dangerous Depots, Public-Private Partnerships, Synopsis of Public-Private Partnerships, U.S. Humanitarian Mine Action Budget, and The Mine Action Support. The central text states: "The United States shares common cause with nations who are working to address the harmful effects of indiscriminately used landmines on civilians. We are proud to be a world leader in humanitarian mine action, having provided more than \$1.5 billion since 1993 to mitigate the threat from landmines and explosive remnants of war in nearly 50 countries." followed by a link to the Press Statement. To the right of the text are three images: a red warning sign with a skull and crossbones and the text "PERIKU MINAS !! DANGER MINES !!", a large pile of destroyed landmines, and a person in a blue uniform holding a small object. On the far right, there is a search bar, a "Browse by" section with filters for Topic, Speaker, Publication, Country, and Date, a "Quick Links" section with a dropdown menu, a "Country Profiles" section with a dropdown menu, and a "Highlights" section with a link to "Sign up for email updates." and a link to "Afghanistan: Building Partnerships through Humanitarian Mine Action".



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